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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 2 Percent in June

HARRISBURG, PA, July 25, 2008 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during June 2008 totaled 105.2 million pounds, up 2 percent from June 2007, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 100.7 million pounds live weight, was up 4 percent from June 2007. Total head slaughtered was 81,000, up 2 percent. Live weight averaged 1,253 pounds, up 18 pound from last year. Veal production was 4.3 million pounds live weight, down 21 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 10,700 head was down 26 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 25 pounds to 403 pounds.

Pork production was 58.2 million pounds live weight, up 4 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 233,800, up 5 percent from June 2007. Average live weight decreased 1 pound from last year to 249 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during June 2008 was 416,000 pounds live weight, down 9 percent. The number slaughtered was 4,200, down 11 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 4 pounds to 100 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in June 2008 totaled 4.05 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the 4.03 billion pounds produced in June 2007. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.26 billion pounds, was down 4 percent. Veal production totaled 11.7 million pounds, up 5 percent from June a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was down 4 percent from June 2007.

January-June red meat production was 25.0 billion pounds, up 6 percent from June 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was up 9 percent, pork was up 10 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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